NELAC Program Policy and Structure Committee Teleconference May 7, 1997

The National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Conference Program Policy and Structure Committee convened by Teleconference on Wednesday, May 7, 1997. Dr. Kenneth Jackson, Chair of the Committee, led the meeting. A list of action items is provided in Attachment A and a list of participants is given in Attachment B. Materials distributed to the members included the agenda, a note from Jerry Parr regarding the Quality Systems Committee Meeting/Test Methods and a copy of correspondence to Dr. Jackson from John Hosenfeld regarding field measurements.

Letter to Andrea Jirka on April 29, and Modifications to Section 1.9.1

Dr. Jackson stated that he had made additional changes to Section 1.9.1. These changes were only for consistency. Ms. Pauline Bouchard suggested that in the future the examples be placed in the footnotes. This change would clarify how the Chapter reads.

Consideration of Correspondence from John Hosenfeld Regarding Field Measurements

Dr. Jackson discussed the letter he had received from John Hosenfeld regarding accreditation and certification developed for EPA's Emission Measurement Center. They are proposing accreditation of individual samplers which is inconsistent with NELAC. Mr. Hosenfeld and Mr. Bivins will discuss this on the next Teleconference, May 21, 1997. Ms. Bouchard stated that we must ascertain that the people doing the sampling are doing it in accordance with the prescribed procedures and that this issue must be addressed in the future but felt that certification of individuals was not the only way of doing this.

Arrangements for Reviewing all NELAC Standards for Consistency

Dr. Jackson has sent the Chapter to Mr. Jim Pearson and he is hoping that he will get copies of the other Chapters in about a week. All of the Chapters need to be reviewed for consistency and it was agreed that two people on the Committee would be responsible for reviewing a Chapter (although Dr. Jackson wants as many people as possible to look at all the Chapters). Dr. Jackson will assign the Chapters to the members for review. There needs to be a quick turn-around time in order for all the Chapters to be on the Bulletin Board by July 1.

Rotation of Committee Members and Consideration of New Chair

Two people must rotate off the Committee - one government and one non-government. Dr. Jackson announced that he has accepted the nomination for NELAC Chair-Elect and, thus, he will step down from the Committee.

Report on Quality Systems Recent Annapolis Meeting and Compatibility Between Chapters 1 and 5 (Jerry Parr)

Mr. Parr was not available for the Teleconference and this report was postponed until the next meeting on May 21, 1997.

ACTION ITEMS NELAC Program Policy and Structure Committee May 7, 1997

Item No.	Action	Date Completed
1.	Dr. Ken Jackson will assign a Chapter for review to each member. This Chapter will be reviewed only for consistency.	

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